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## News Highlights, Dec. 7-13, 2012

*Charlotte Observer / News & Observer*

### **State gives Raleigh land to N.C. Museum of Art Foundation**

The state has agreed to give about 34 acres of prime real estate in West Raleigh to a private foundation that plans to develop much of the property to raise money for the N.C. Museum of Art. Read more [here](#).

*C-Span3 / American History TV*

### **Queen Anne's Revenge Shipwreck**

Queen Anne's Revenge was the flagship of Edward Teach, a pirate more commonly known as "Blackbeard." While sailing along the Atlantic coast in the early 18th century, Blackbeard and his crew ran aground off North Carolina and abandoned the ship. The vessel was finally found in 1996, and soon after the state of North Carolina began excavating the site. Shanna Daniel – a conservator on the project - talks about the history of the ship and some of the artifacts recovered at the site. Read more and view the video [here](#).

*Beach Carolina Magazine*

### **Bentonville Battlefield Visitation Up**

### **Visitation Increases at Historic Halifax**

### **North Carolina Museum of History Fall Visitation Increases**

Fall visitation has been rising at many of Cultural Resources' historic sites and history museums including Bentonville Battlefield, Historic Halifax and the N.C. Museum of History. Read about the three venues' increases [here](#) (Bentonville), [here](#) (Halifax) and [here](#) (MOH).

*Kinston.com / Kinston Free Press and Jones Post*

### **Sarah Risty-Davis takes over as manager of CSS Neuse, Caswell sites**

When Sarah Risty-Davis was growing up, while other children went to water parks with their parents during the summer, she was going to historic sites with hers. For Risty-Davis, Monday marked one week on the job as site manager for the CSS Neuse Civil War Interpretive Center and Gov. Richard Caswell Memorial in Kinston. Read more [here](#).

*WCHL-Radio / Chapelboro.com*

### **Chapel Hill Couple Dives Into Blackbeard's Ship**

A Chapel Hill couple has become a part of history that's been 300 years in the making. This fall, they decided to sponsor the archeological expedition of Blackbeard's infamous ship. Read more [here](#).

*WCTI-TV12*

### **Local couple ties the knot on 12.12**

Couples around the country exchanged wedding vows on 12.12.12, including those in Eastern North Carolina. Carl and Jennifer Elks of Beaufort County tied the knot at the Tryon Palace in New Bern Wednesday night. Read more and view video [here](#).

*Public Radio East (NPR)*

**North Carolina Symphony in ENC**

First the violins, then the violas, the cellos and double bass - each instrument gradually fading in to tune to the key of A major. That's a familiar sound for the 65 full-time professional musicians that make up the North Carolina Symphony. Read more and hear interview and music [here](#).

*Coldwell Banker blog Blue Matter*

**The Story of I'll Be Home for Christmas and the Battleship North Carolina**

Bing Crosby crooning the holiday classic, *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, is a tune echoed through many a home this time of year. First released around Christmas in 1943, the song is written from the perspective of a soldier serving overseas during World War 2. This story about the crew of the Battleship North Carolina will now forever be cemented in my mind when I hear *I'll Be Home for Christmas* around this time of year. Read more and hear the song [here](#).

*Winston-Salem Journal*

**Blind Boys brings gospel sound to SECCA**

Jimmy Carter gets teased a lot for his name. And though he has a soft, southern drawl like former President Carter, he has a totally different kind of talent. Carter is a member of the Grammy-winning group The Blind Boys of Alabama, who will perform at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art at 3 p.m. Dec. 16 as the final concert of the year in the Crossroads series. Read more [here](#).

*WRAL-TV*

**State historic sites plan holiday fun for little ones**

I'm a history buff who, as a kid, once dreamed of working as an interpreter, all dressed up in old-timey garb, at an historic site. . But I thought I'd point out that the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources' blog has a special post on holiday events for kids. Click [here](#) to read it all and see a full listing of holiday events at historic sites across North Carolina. Read the full WRAL "Go Ask Mom" post [here](#).

*Daily Herald (Roanoke Rapids)*

**Historic Halifax demonstrates Christmas of old**

Clifton Lobb wanted his grandsons Colin and Logan to see history up close during the colonial-inspired holiday celebration in Halifax Saturday. "I think history is good for them," he said after watching costumed re-enactors fire muskets. Read more [here](#).

*Avery Journal*

**Weaving past into present**

The Weaving Room at Crossnore School Inc. was originally established by Mary Martin Sloop to educate local people in the craft of weaving to create a means of bringing in income and to preserve the ancient craft. Thanks to funding from North Carolina Arts Council, Crossnore Weavers is again reaching out to local young people to preserve weaving as an element of Appalachian culture. Read more [here](#).